

SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 4, with the following:

In one embodiment, the present invention provides a socket for a removable card which can hold the CPU (e.g., CPU 205 of Figure 2) and the main memory (e.g., main memory 210 of Figure 2) of the system. This removable card 231 may also hold additional PLDs 232 to provide more configuration options if needed. In one embodiment, the main memory on the add-in card is dynamic read only memory (DRAM). While the present invention recites DRAM, it is well suited to utilize a variety of memory technologies. By placing the CPU on a removable card, the present invention provides the ability to upgrade the hardware configuration of networked devices. For example, when a new generation CPU becomes available, the removable card is replaced with one that can physically interface with the new CPU. In the past, this was not possible because the physical interface was attached to the motherboard. If a new CPU had a different pin-out, it could not be used in the router unless the entire motherboard was replaced.